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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Final Action dated November 12, 1999, in the subject application. This paper is being submitted within two months of that date.

In connection with the present Action, it is believed that this paper will be helpful and it is requested that the following explanatory remarks and accompanying exhibits be entered and fully considered by the Examiner.

## REMARKS

It is noted that the Examiner has repeated the previous general rejection including the view that PGA and PTMA are, in realty, the same compound and that the teaching of PGA renders the present claims unpatentable. Previous remarks as to the distinction have been discounted as being unsupported and

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sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Final Official Action dated November 12, 1999 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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